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cal and topographical features of the State, and by a very convenient outline map showing the location of the counties.

Trimen's *Journal of Botany*, for October, contains the following articles: 'On the Natural Order *Taccaceae*,' by H. F. Hance; 'On *Erythraea capitata*. Willd., var. *sphaerocephala*,' by F. Townsend; 'On the Production of Hybrids in the Genus *Epilobium*,' by R. A. Briggs.

§ 133. **Proceedings of the Torrey Club.**—The regular monthly meeting of the Club was held Tuesday evening, Oct. 11th, at the Herbarium, Columbia College, the President in the chair and twenty members and two visitors present.

Plants Exhibited.—Mr. Leggett presented specimens of *Tsuga Caroliniana*, Englem., from the Carolina Mountains (Caesar's Head, Greenville Co., S. C.), sent by Capt. J. Donnell Smith, and spineless leaves of *Ilex opaca*, Ait., from South Carolina. Dr. Newberry exhibited a beautiful collection of Western plants collected by him on a recent trip through Colorado and Idaho, and also remarked upon the characteristics of the Western Coniferae. Mr. Gerard exhibited a specimen of *Richardia Aethiopica*, the spadix of which was subtended by three spathes; sent by Miss Palmer from Louisville, Ky. Prof. Schrenk showed specimens of plants collected by him in New Hampshire during the summer, and placed them at the disposal of the members present.

Hybrid Oaks.—Mr. Britton remarked upon some singular forms of hybrid oaks found by Mr. Rudkin and himself growing in abundance at Keyport, N. J., and which are now under investigation with a view of determining, if possible, the parent species. A series of leaf specimens was shown exhibiting various transitional forms, apparently between *Quercus Phellos*, L., and *Q. nigra*, L.

Serratula tinctoria.—Specimens of this adventive plant, which has become pretty well established in a few places on Staten Island, were sent by Mr. Wright from West Brighton, for the Club's inspection.

Polyphyly.—Mr. Bicknell reported the detection by him this season of a plant of *Asclepias Cornuti*, Decaisne, having its leaves in whorls of three, and also of a plant of *Silphium perfoliatum*, L., with leaves in whorls of three and with a 6-angled stem. Mr. Britton remarked that he had observed precisely the same change this year in specimens *Eupatorium teucrifolium*, Willd.

Suppression of Leaflets in Carya.—Mr. Britton showed leaf specimens of a trifoliate form of *Carya porcina*, Nutt., detected in New Jersey, and stated that all the leaves on the tree whence these were taken exhibited the same suppression of the usually two or four additional leaflets.

New Stations.—Mr. Bicknell read a list of new stations for plants belonging to the City's flora. Mr. Rudkin gave White Mills, New Lots, Queens County, as a station for *Tripsacum dactyloides*, L., a plant not reported as belonging to the State flora, and exhibited specimens gathered at that locality.

One person was elected an active member, and two names were proposed for membership.